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***Center for Produce Safety at the Western Institute for  
Food Safety and Security***

I am delighted to send my greetings to all those celebrating the opening of this important new center.

Protecting the health and safety of Californians is my administration's highest priority and I commend the scientists, educators, state and agriculture industry leaders who have joined forces to make this center a reality. A true public-private partnership, the center will launch new research into products that are vulnerable to contamination with food-borne pathogens such as E. coli and Salmonella. It is an outstanding example of what collaboration can accomplish.

Such cooperative efforts allow us to work together to provide a greater understanding of food safety, resulting in safer foods for Californians and the millions of people around the world who consume our products.

Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment. I look forward to working with all of you to ensure that consumers of California-grown products continue to enjoy safe and healthy foods.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger